Export of mackerel shoals

*6. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any action for exporting huge mackerel shoals found off East-coast in the Bay of Bengal; and

(b) the incentives proposed to be given to the fishermen for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) and (b) There were good landings of mackerel in the East Coast during the period March to May, 2003. However, the major portion of the landings of mackerel has been used for local consumption, as it enjoys fairly good demand and fetches better price domestically. The Marine Products Export Development Authority has no separate incentives for mackerel fishermen except general schemes available to all fishermen, which include providing financial assistance to mechanized fishing vessels for installing fish finder, GPS and Radio-telephone, organising training camps for fishing crew members, etc.

Setting up of Fast Track Courts

*7. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of implementation of the scheme for setting up of Fast Track Courts (FTCs) launched for speedy disposal of the cases has been very slow;

(b) if so, when was the scheme launched and the number of such courts set up so far, State-wise; and

(c) the number of cases disposed off through these courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) It is a fact that the progress of implementation of the scheme of Fast